

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI # 1309654404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Omer's Farm

AND/OR COMMON

St. Omer's Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2706 Sandy Hook Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Stephen Quick

Telephone #: 676-4100
679-8282 (Office)

STREET & NUMBER

2706 Sandy Hook Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21050

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 1018

Folio #: 397

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	slightly	DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This L shaped, rubble stone house is located on the north side of Sandy Hook Road. It consists of two units, the larger of which faces south. St. Omer's Branch runs through this property.

Each unit is two stories tall. Each has large, plain quoins and stone lintels. The roof on each unit is gable flank and covered with slate shingles. Eaves are wide and rafter ends are visible.

The main unit of this house faces south and is five bays by two. Windows are six lights over six with unusually large panes of glass - approximately 10" x 15". The principle entrance is in the center bay of the south facade. This consists of double hung doors with moulded panels. A four light transom is above this entrance. A porch on this facade covers the three middle bays. This is not original and has a flagstone effect. The roof is flat. The four columns are square and have ornamental brackets.

The north facade is partially covered by the smaller unit. A door is at the center of this facade. One window is located near the center of the west room.

Two windows on the east facade have been closed up. One is located on the first elevation at the south bay and the other is directly above it on the second floor.

There are no windows on either the first or second elevation of the west facade. Both gable ends do have six light, casement windows at the attic elevation. A corbeled brick chimney is located at each inside gable end of this unit. A stone entrance to the cellar is located on the northwest corner.

Inside, this unit has wall cornices through out the first elevation. Slate window sills are new replacements. Floors are replaced. The fireplace in the east room is newly faced with brick. It has Roman doric colonettes above and below the main mantle shelf. A mirror is built in. A large closet has been added to the southeast area of the east wall. This covers up the window mentioned previously.

The wide through-hall has a stairway in the northeast corner. This has a massive turned newel post, turned balusters, and a beautifully rounded handrail. The string is beaded.

There are two rooms on the second elevation as well as on the attic level. The basement under this unit has a stone fireplace on the east wall. This fireplace, which until quite recently had been closed up, has a large, stone arch. There are pegged beams in the cellar. The basement has an outside entrance. A cement floor has been poured.

The two story unit located on the north side of the large unit is two stories high and three bays long. This unit faces west and has its principle entrance in the center bay of the west facade. Windows flanking this door are six lights over six. Two windows are located on the east facade. These are nine lights over

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stone house is located on the north side of Sandy Hook Road in what is now Forest Hill. The house is built in two parts, the larger of which appears to date to approximately 1830. The smaller kitchen wing appears to be much older.

The tract on which this house stands is known as St. Omer's and it was surveyed for Benjamin Wheeler in 1727. Many tales and legends have come out of this area concerning the house in question and the unusual tract name. In his book, St. Ignatius, Hickory, and Its Missions, Clarence V. Joerndt refers to a conversation he had had with Charles W. Poole, a resident of that area. "Mr. Poole was born and reared in Hickory and now resides on his farm which is within short walking distance of Sandy Hook Road and St. Omer's. During his early youth one of his grandfathers told him it was his information furnished by elders that stones from that building were used in the construction of a home that is off Sandy Hook Road and fronts on the little stream of St. Omer's ..." Joerndt interprets the word Monastery as "mass house." The religious connection is further suggested by the tract name. Many Jesuits had been educated at St. Omer's, Flanders, where the English Jesuits had conducted a house-of-study for years after England became protestant. The Wheeler family had long been associated with the Roman Catholic Church and it is possible Benjamin Wheeler named the property St. Omer's to commemorate the Flemish school.

The tract, located in Spesutia Upper Hundred, is not listed by name among Benjamin Wheeler's holdings at the time of the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment. Wheeler owned 920 acres, 19 slaves, a house and many out buildings, but nothing that matches the measurements of the house in question. Neither does it match the description of any buildings listed on Benjamin Green's property on the 1814 Tax List.

The kitchen unit is of simple design: one room on each floor with a winding stair and a large fireplace. It is possible that the unit may have not even been assessed for tax purposes in 1798 and the 1814 tax information is sketchy, to say the least.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1783 Maryland Tax List	French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967/
1798 Federal Tax List	
1814 Maryland Tax List	Joerndt, Clarence V., <u>St. Ignatius, Hickory, and Its Missions</u> ; Baltimore, MD, 1972.
Wright, C. Milton; <u>Our Harford Heritage</u> ,	

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 117.53 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the east by Sandy Hook Road; on the south by the property of C.W. Poole; and on the north by Deer Creek. St. Omer's Stream dissects the property.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian	1/78
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
Historic District Commission	838-6000, ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
45 South Main Street	Maryland
CITY OR TOWN	
Bel Air,	

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Description continued

six.

Inside, the first floor of this unit is a modern kitchen. Crown moulding is new, floors are replaced. A fireplace on the north is quite old, however, and appears to have been used for cooking. The mantle shelf has bed mouldings. The end blocks have a carved herringbone pattern while the central tablet has vertical scoring. This is carried through on the architrave.

A beaded, board and batten door to the east of the fireplace is the entrance to the cellar. Next to that is the stairway to the second floor. The winding stair is very narrow and continues up to the attic which has recently been completely finished. Ceilings are much lower in this unit than in the larger unit.

The cellar of this unit had been quite shallow and was recently made approximately 3 feet deeper. A cement floor has been poured. There is a fireplace support on the north wall.

Title Search

Stephen E. Quick

	1018	397	12/3/1976	Grantor: Rebecca C. Boyd Grantee: Stephen E. Quick Acreage: 117.53 acres "St. Omer's"
GRG	436	538	1955	Grantor: Virginia R. Topping, Margaret L. Kerr and Milton R. Walker Grantee: Rebecca C. Boyd and Henry C. Boyd, husband, deceased Acreage: 189 acres "St. Omer's"
RLW	23	220	12/13/1951	Grantor: Milton R. Walker and Last Will and Testament of Jettie Poplin Grantee: "I, Jettie Poplin, bequeth all my land to my children..." Acreage: 189 acres more or less
JAR	166	298	1/2/1920	Grantor: Tyler W. Wilson and Anna S. Wilson, his wife, et al Grantee: Samuel D. Poplin, deceased and Jettie Poplin, his wife
JAR	158	411	2/20/1918	Grantor: Cecil E. Lloyd and wife Grantee: Tyler W. Wilson and James P. Wills
JAR	137	486	9/30/1912	Grantor: J. Ford Dorrence and wife, of Philadelphia Grantee: Cecil E. Lloyd Acreage: 189 acres including buildings "St. Omer"
JAR	134	73	5/11/1911	Grantor: Joseph T. Hoopes and wife Grantee: J. Ford Dorrence and wife Acreage: 189 acres more or less
WSF	79	107	10/5/1893	Grantor: Dora Hoopes, Exec., and David Hoopes Grantee: Joseph T. Hoopes and wife as joint tenants Acreage: 208 acres
ALJ	54	37	5/9/1885	Grantor: Darlington Hoopes and Rachel, his wife Grantee: David Hoopes

ALJ	54	37	4/8/1883	Grantor: Heirs of Samuel M. Ady Grantee: Darlington and Rachel Hoopes Acreage: 208 acres with buildings
ALJ	47	73	11/6/1882	Grantor: Darlington and Rachel Hoops Grantee: Isabel E. Ady Acreage: 208 acres more or less "St. Omer's Valley"
ALJ	35	41	4/4/1877	Grantor: Stevenson Archer, Trustee Grantee: Samuel M. Ady Acreage: 208 acres
ALJ	35	41	4/4/1877	Grantor: Henry D. Farnandis, Trustee Grantee: Darlington Hoopes
ALJ	5	386	3/26/1855	Grantor: James Hean and Stephen Raphael Grantee: Bartholomew Corrigan and Hugh Corrigan and heirs Acreage: 208 acres more or less "St. Omer's"
HD	24	294	12/8/1840	Grantor: Mary F. Greme Grantee: Samuel Smith
HD	11	507	12/18/1828	Grantor: Augustus L. Greme Grantee: Mary F. Greme
HD	I	87	10/18/1817	Grantor: Benjamin Green Grantee: Augustus L. Greme
HD	U	96	3/29/1802	Grantor: Partition of the Estate of Benjamin Wheeler, deceased Grantee: Benjamin Green Acreage: Lot #1, 353 acres more or less

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Rebecca Boyd's farm house
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: North side of Sandy Hook Road. Lane enters about 0.1 mi east of Hoopes Rd.			
CITY OR TOWN: Street			
STATE Maryland	CODE	COUNTY: HARFORD	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Rebecca (Mrs John) Boyd			
STREET AND NUMBER: Sandy Hook Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Street, RFD	STATE: Md	CODE 21154	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT			
STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.			
CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR	STATE: MARYLAND	CODE	

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

STATE:

COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone farm house, L shaped, 2 story,
 facing south 3 bays by 2 with
 2 by 2 in the back wing running
 north along the east wall. The roof
 ridge runs east-west; a four-posted
 porch with bracketed eaves and gable end
 shelter the front door. ~~one story high~~
 windows have 6 lights over 6, with
 panelled shutters downstairs, louvered upstairs.
 Three inside chimneys flush with the
 end walls rise from heating fireplaces
 on both floors.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

A substantial farm house on one of
Harford's few remaining family farms.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harlands Map of Harford County in 1878 notes the owner as D. Hoopes.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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INVENTORY NO. _____

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: _____

TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Omer's Farm

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: _____

NAME OF OWNER: Stephen Quick office 679 - 8282ADDRESS: 2706 Sandy Hook Rd 676 - 4200Forest Hill, MD

STORIES: 1[] 2[X] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS: _____

WINGS, ADDITIONS: _____

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
 [] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 [] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 [] LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE _____

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK _____

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[] 2/2[] 6/6[X] 9/6[X] 9/9[] other[]
 pegged[] nailed[] wide[] narrow[]
 original[] replaced[]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South side, center bay, double hung, moulded
 HARDWARE: original [] replaced[]
 FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: WIDE 1/4 wing + front of large unit
 original[] replaced[]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERSMATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[] gable[]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[X] STONE[] CORBELED[X] original[] replaced[]LOCATION: north, east, west, inside ends

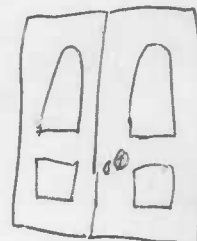
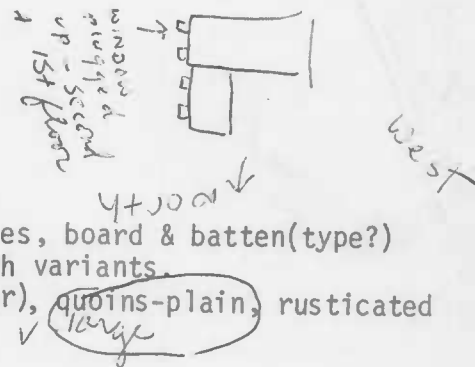
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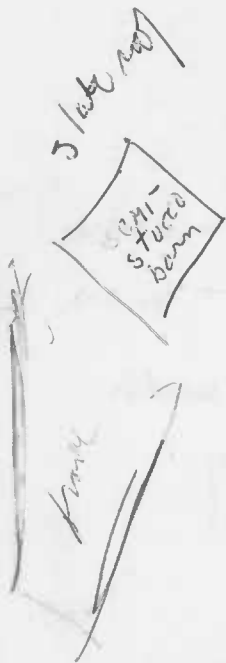
1 stone lintels

West
side
S. unit entrance
stone cellar
for cellar

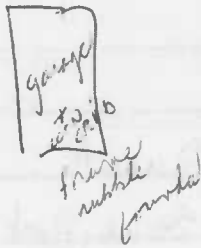
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sq posts
brackets
flat roof



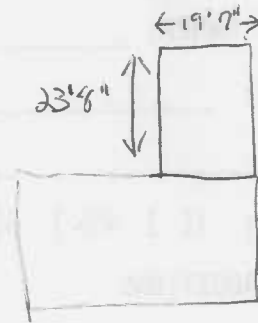
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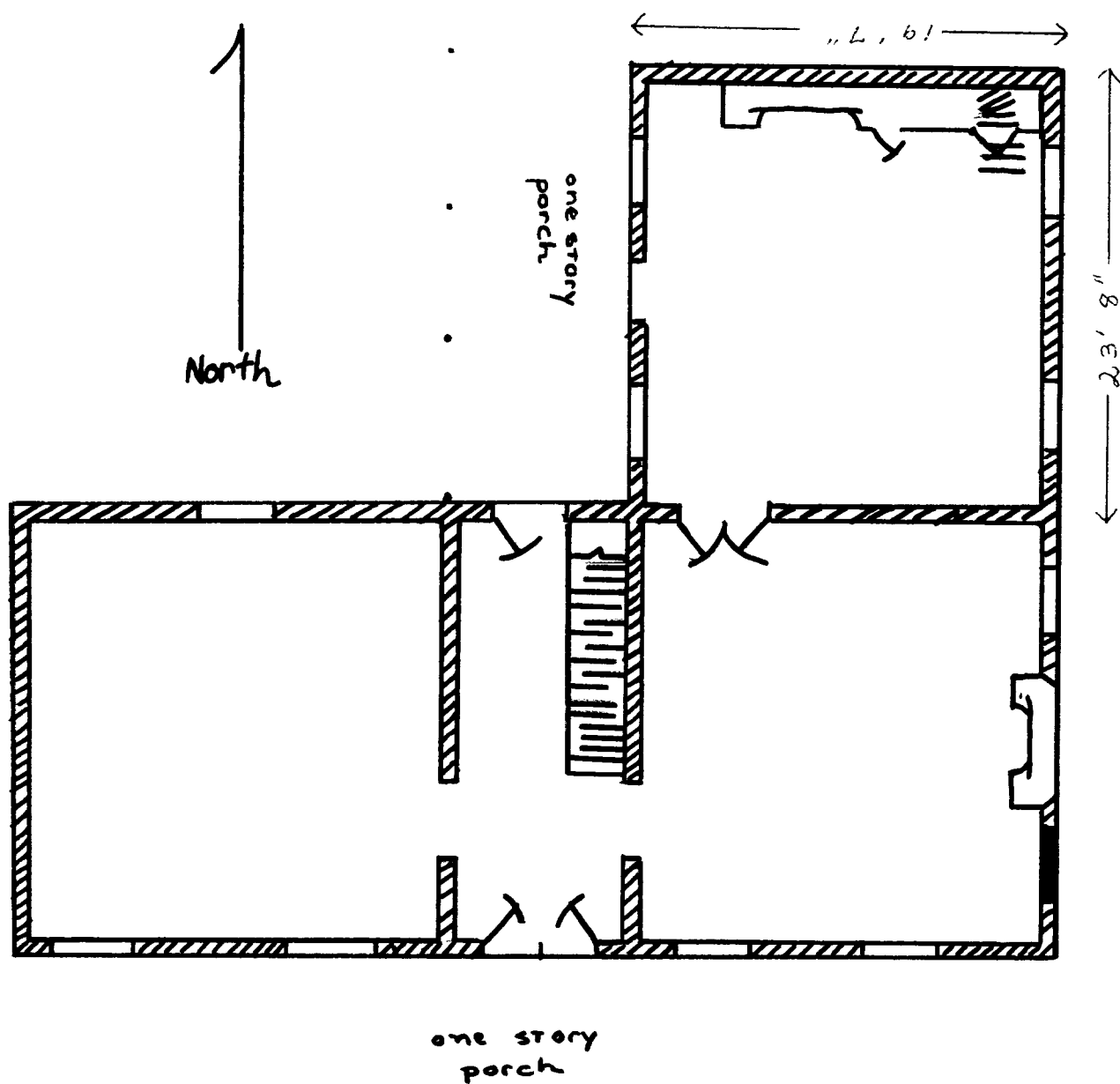


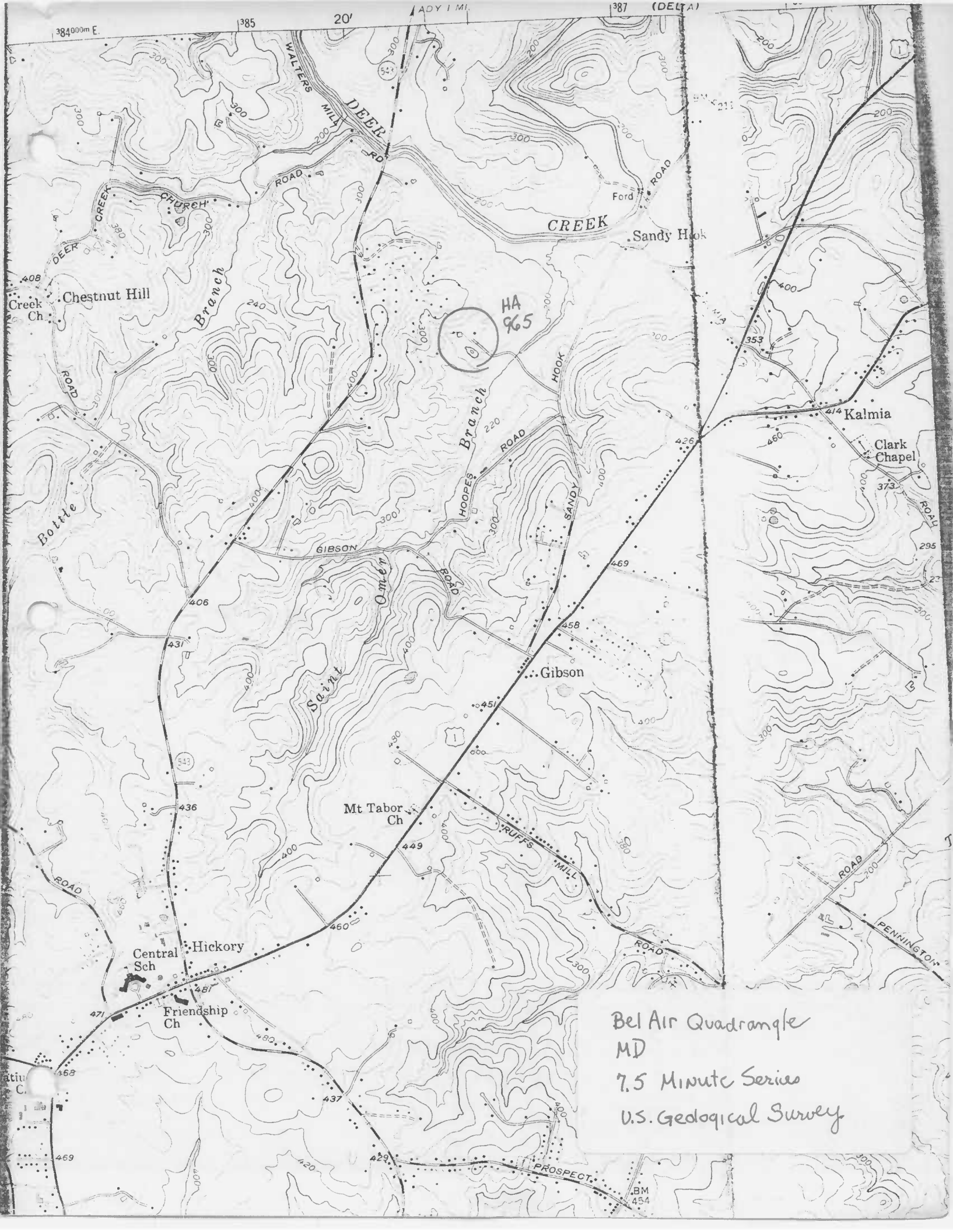
15' x 10' frame w/ slate roof



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St. Omer's Farm





Bel Air Quadrangle
MD
7.5 Minute Series
U.S. Geological Survey



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Susan M. Deeney
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Southeast



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1/78

West